



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 6th February 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are now officially over halfway through the school year and fast approaching the half term holiday. The lighter mornings are most definitely a welcome sight!

Friday 13th February – Non-Uniform Day and GRAFT Valentine’s Disco

All information about the Graft Valentine’s Disco has now been shared. Please make sure to return the booking form by Monday, 9th February to secure your child’s place for the after-school event.

During the school day, we will have a non-uniform day—please ensure your child wears clothes that are comfortable and suitable for PE.

KS1 Sports Hall Athletics

We are delighted to congratulate our younger pupils who took part in the Dacorum Sports Partnership Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they joined in with the activities, and they represented our school with great pride. Well done to everyone who took part. Your smiles, effort and positive attitudes truly shone throughout the event!

World Book Day

The official World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March; however, due to swimming, we will be celebrating in school on Wednesday 4th March. This year’s theme is “Go All In”, and we will be enjoying a range of book-related activities throughout the morning.

Children are invited to dress up as a book character that links to their favourite hobby or activity. World Book Day book tokens will be coming home next week.

Exciting news!

We are delighted to share that on Friday 6th March, our school will be visited by a Great Britain Commonwealth Games gold medallist. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming such an inspiring athlete. More information will be shared with parents next week.

Rolling Drop-off and Collection

This is a reminder to parents about our one-way system at collection and drop-off to keep our children safe. We have had some near misses recently, so please follow the system carefully. In addition, please do not reverse down the drive under any circumstances. If you wish to park at either end of the day, please use the one-way system to reach your parking space, or park on the road and walk down. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Stars of the Week



Class Star: Luna

Class Galaxy: Leyton

Class Comet: Bella-Rose

Our School Values

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils putting **responsibility** into action. Across the school, children have been taking ownership of their learning, looking after their environment, and supporting one another with care. From completing tasks thoughtfully to helping classmates and making mindful choices, pupils are demonstrating accountability, reliability, and a strong sense of respect for themselves and others. We are so proud of how everyone has embraced this value, and we look forward to continuing to nurture a sense of responsibility in all areas of school life.

G enerous	L isten
A spirational	E njoy
D iscovering	A rticulate
R esponsible	R esilient
O pen-minded	N urture Relationships
W elcoming	E ncourage
	R emember More and Know More

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
95%	99%	96%

Attendance Matters



Well done to **Class Galaxy** for getting £5 in your attendance funds!

Team Points for the end of this week are:

402



423



343



Golden Book

Well done to **Henry** for his fantastic independent character descriptions. Well done to **Leyton** for his fabulous short multiplication. Well done to **Bella** for being golden for the whole of Wednesday morning. Well done to **Karolina, Oakley, Rylee, Denny, Oliver, Tommy, Louie, Elizabeth, Paisley and Leyton** for great expressive voices and following stage directions when acting a scene from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Well done to **Sebby** for his super plus plus creation. Well done to **Annabelle** for her excellent formation of the letter 'a'. Well done to **Luna** for her brilliant phonics work on the split-diagraph a_e. Well done to **Leyton, Oakley and Tommy** for their accurate floor plan drawings to compare the building from the past to now. Well done to **Annabelle** for all her extra work completed at home!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

Gaddesden Wish List

If you are in a position to support the school, please have a look at our wish list which can be located via this link: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) This can also be found on the school website, in the top right-hand corner, quick links section.

At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.